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MAYOR DETAILS REBUILDINDY INVESTMENT IN HAUGHVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD

Infrastructure construction work on City's Westside will improve roads and connectivity

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today detailed several infrastructure projects the City of Indianapolis is making in the Haughville neighborhood. The investment will result in improved roads and connectivity through new curbs, sidewalks and accessible ramps.

“Restoring city streets and sidewalks in the historic Haughville neighborhood is a crucial part of our urban revitalization efforts in Indianapolis,” said Mayor Ballard. “RebuildIndy projects are creating jobs, improving quality of life for our residents and enhancing public safety.”

City-County Councillor Marilyn Pfisterer and City of Indianapolis Deputy Mayor for Neighborhoods Olgen Williams joined Mayor Ballard in the 1300 block of North Tibbs Avenue in announcing the improvements. The construction in Haughville is scheduled to wrap up this fall. Improvements feature new curbs and sidewalks, accessible ramps and street resurfacing for Haugh Street from 10th Street to Walnut Street, Ketchum Street from 10th Street to Walnut Street, and Warman Street from 10th Street to Walnut Street. Projects also include resurfacing, curbs, sidewalks and accessible ramps for Tibbs Avenue from Washington Street to 16th Street.

“Today we celebrate improvements being done on the Westside. Neighborhoods like this one are being improved all over our city,” said Councillor Pfisterer. “I ask that residents contact their Councillors to learn about projects in their areas. Public input is vital as we continue this transforming initiative.”

The improvements are part of Mayor Ballard’s commitment to making Indianapolis one of the most livable, sustainable cities in the Midwest. The citywide RebuildIndy initiative focuses on restoring deteriorating thoroughfares, residential streets, sidewalks and bridges, as well as addressing neighborhood drainage and flooding issues and demolishing unsalvageable abandoned houses posing a public safety threat.

Since Mayor Ballard launched RebuildIndy in September 2010, the City has invested \$182 million to repair long-neglected streets, sidewalks, bridges and parks throughout Indianapolis. In August, Mayor Ballard announced the Abandoned Structures Initiative, which aims to take down 2,000 abandoned, unsafe and unsalvageable buildings across the city by the end of 2012. More than 75 such structures in Haughville are slated for demolition. For a complete project list of the RebuildIndy investment to date, please visit www.indy.gov/rebuildindy.

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